	Goa	Protection Officers have been appointed for each of the two Districts of the State.
8	Gujarat	District Social Defence Officers of each district of the State have been appointed as Protection Officer for the respective districts.
9	Kerala	Notification has been issued appointed Protection Officers.
10	Lakshadweep	Nine Protection Officers have been appointed *vide* notification dated. 3-11-2006.
11	Madhya Pradesh	Protection Officers have been appointed in all the 48 districts and 314 blocks.
12	Manipur	Programme Officers or CDPOs working under the ICDS project have been appointed as Protection Officers in all the nine districts of the State.
13.	Orissa	State Government has notified appointment of Protection Officers for each District *vide* notification dated 20.3.2007.
14	Tamil Nadu	31 P.Os. appointed in 22 of 30 districts.
15	Uttar Pradesh	The District Probationary Officers have been temporarily appointed as Protection Officers.
16	West Bengal	The District Programme Officer, Kolkata has been appointed as the Protection Officer for the areas covered under the ICDS Project of Kolkata *vide* State Government's order dated 5-4-2007.

Crime against Children

458. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether the recent report of the National Human Rights Commission has indicated that there is significant increase in crimes against children below 18 years of age; and

if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken to create a safe environment for children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) A Committee which was constituted by the National Human Rights Commission, under the Chairmanship of one of the Members, had taken not of the crimes against children, particularly, brutal killing of several innocent children in Nithari, U.P. The report submitted by the Committee was considered by the Commission *vide* its proceedings dated 2nd July, 2007. In the light of the directions of the Commission, a copy of the report was sent to the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and to the Chief Secretaries and DGPs of all States for necessary action at their end.

Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new Centrally Sponsored scheme, namely, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), for implementation during Eleventh Plan with the objective of providing a safe and secure environment to the children of the country for their overall development.